

SENATE BILL 788

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16
and Title 17, relative to judicial vacancies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 17-4-109(e), is amended by deleting the following language:

the commission, in public or private meeting, by a majority vote shall select three (3) persons whom the commission deems best qualified and available to fill the vacancy and certify the names of the three (3) persons to the governor as nominees for the judicial vacancy.

and by substituting instead the following:

the commission, in a public meeting, by a majority vote shall rate each applicant as "highly qualified", "qualified" or "not qualified" to fill the vacancy and shall forward all the names of the applicants, with their respective rating, to the governor for consideration for the judicial vacancy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.